

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2015

Live Births increased in March as 6,340 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,217 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March both decreased slightly. For January-March, births decreased from 18,207 to 18,099.

Deaths increased in March as 5,436 Missourians died compared with 4,761 in March, 2014. Deaths also increased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 16,270 Missouri resident deaths or 12.6 percent more than the 14,451 for the similar time period in 2014.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 904 (6,340 births minus 5,436 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase declined more than 25 percent from 19,714 to 14,710.

Marriages decreased in March and for January-March, but increased for the cumulative 12-month period ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages increased by 3.4 percent from 39,186 to 40,586.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-March, dissolutions decreased from 4,593 to 4,460. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.93 to 2.05.

Infant Deaths decreased in March as 30 Missouri infants died compared with 44 in March of 2014. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.5 to 6.0 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan-March Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Live Births	6,217	6,340	12.1	12.3	18,207	18,099	12.2	12.1	75,670	74,996	12.5	12.5	12.4
Deaths	4,761	5,436	9.2	10.5	14,451	16,270	9.7	10.8	55,956	60,286	9.4	9.3	9.9
Natural increase	1,456	904	2.8	1.8	3,756	1,829	2.5	1.2	19,714	14,710	3.0	3.3	2.4
Marriages	2,552	2,294	5.0	4.4	5,961	5,718	4.0	3.8	39,186	40,586	6.5	6.5	6.7
Dissolutions	1,678	1,637	3.3	3.2	4,593	4,460	3.1	3.0	20,309	19,744	3.7	3.4	3.3
Infant deaths	44	30	7.1	4.7	121	113	6.6	6.2	491	449	6.6	6.5	6.0
Population base	—	—	6,064	6,082	—	—	6,064	6,082	—	—	6,029	6,049	6,069
(in thousands)													

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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